

IN THE CLAIMS:

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Please amend Claims 1 and 25 to read as follows. Note that all the claims currently pending in this application, including those not presently amended, have been reproduced below for the Examiner's convenience.

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1.

(Currently Amended) A camera comprising:

a plurality of image pickup means for picking up a plurality of images of an object, respectively;

display means for displaying images picked up by said plurality of image pickup means;

recording means for recording the images picked up by said plurality of image pickup means on a recording medium; and

memory means arranged for use both as a display buffer of said display means for displaying the images picked up by said plurality of image pickup means, and as a recording buffer of said recording means for recording the images picked up by said plurality of image pickup means on said recording medium.

2.

(Previously Amended) A camera according to claim 1, wherein

when a plurality of said memory means are used for displaying an image picked up by said plurality of image pickup means, some of said plurality of memory means are used for a write operation and the others of said plurality of memory means are used for a read operation by switching between the write and read operations, whereby said plurality of memory means are used as a double buffer.

3. (Previously Amended) A camera according to claim 1, wherein when a plurality of said memory means are used for recording an image picked up by said plurality of image pickup means, all of said plurality of memory means are used for write operation in order to record each image picked up by said plurality of image pickup means, and after the write operation is completed, all of said plurality of memory means are used for read operation.

4. (Previously Amended) A camera according to claim 2, wherein the image is written in said double buffer in normal form and the image is read out from said double buffer in inverted form.

5. (Previously Amended) A camera according to claim 2, wherein the image is written in said double buffer in inverted form and the image is read out from said double buffer in normal form.

6. (Previously Amended) A camera according to claim 3, wherein the image is recorded in normal form when all of said plurality of memory means are used for write operation, and the image is read out in inverted form from all of said plurality of memory means after the recording is completed.

7. (Previously Amended) A camera according to claim 3, wherein the image is recorded in inverted form when all of said plurality of memory means are used for

write operation, and the image is read out in normal form from all of said plurality of memory means after the recording is completed.

Claims 8 to 24 (Cancelled).

25. (Currently Amended) A method for image pickup by a camera, comprising:

a pickup step of picking up a plurality of images of an object with a plurality of image pickup means, respectively;

a display step of displaying on a screen of a display unit images picked up by the said plurality of image pickup means in said pickup step;

a recording step of recording on a recording medium the images picked up by the said plurality of image pickup means in said pickup step ~~on a recording medium~~; and

a storing step [of] using a memory means both as a ~~display~~ buffer in said display step for displaying on the screen of the display unit the plurality of images picked up by the said plurality of image pickup means in said pickup step, and as a ~~recording~~ buffer in said recording step for recording on the recording medium the plurality of images picked up by the said plurality of image pickup means in said pickup step ~~on said recording medium~~.

26. (Previously Amended) A method according to Claim 25, wherein said storing step includes a step of, when a plurality of said memory means are used for displaying an image picked up by said plurality of image pickup means, using some of the

plurality of memory means for a write operation and using the others of the plurality of memory means for a read operation by switching between the write and read operations, whereby the plurality of memory means are used as a double buffer.

27. (Previously Amended) A method according to Claim 25, wherein said storing step includes a step of, when a plurality of said memory means are used for recording an image picked up by the plurality of image pickup means, using all of the plurality of memory means for a write operation in order to record each image acquired by the plurality of image pickup means, and using all of the plurality of memory means for a read operation after the write operation is completed.

28. (Previously Added) A method according to Claim 26, wherein the image is written in the double buffer in normal form and the image is read out from the double buffer in inverted form.

29. (Previously Added) A method according to Claim 26, wherein the image is written in the double buffer in inverted form and the image is read out of the double buffer in normal form.

30. (Previously Added) A method according to Claim 27, wherein the image is recorded in normal form when all of the plurality of memory means are used for a write operation, and the image is read out in inverted form from all of the plurality of memory means after the recording is completed.

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31. (Previously Added) A method according to Claim 27, wherein the

image is recorded in inverted form when all of the plurality of memory means are used for a write operation, and the image is read out in normal form from all of the plurality of memory means after the recording is completed.
